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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Takeshi KAKINUMA et al.

Serial No.: 09/095,365

Filing Date: June 10, 1998

For: SHEET SORTING APPARATUS

Examiner: Linda L. Gray

Group Art Unit: 1734

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 18, 2000. This extension will extend the time the response is due from December 18, 2000 to March 18, 2001 (Sunday) = March 19, 2001.

A three-month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$890.00. A check in the amount of \$890.00 is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 163851026000.

Respectfully submitted,

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